

WHAT'S HAPPENING!™

IN **CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY**

Newport Library Branch to Open in May



The new building will feature its own unique architectural touches. A 35-foot clock tower welcomes patrons into the building and, inside, high interior ceilings give a dramatic sense of space. Muralist Tammy Stephens will be painting a 39-foot long depiction of the Ohio River, highlighting the past and present of the riverbanks of Northern Campbell County. A huge window on the north side of the building offers a picturesque view of Mount Adams.

To see photos of past construction and to check on the current progress, please visit the Library's website at

www.cc-pl.org

Driving north on I-471 over the past year, you might have noticed the new Campbell County Public Library branch being constructed on Sixth Street in Newport. With two floors and 27,000 square feet, this new facility will be the largest of the three library locations in Campbell County.

In terms of function, the new site will be a vast improvement over the Carnegie building on Monmouth Street in Newport that has served as a library for the past 100 years. Over 70 parking spaces, handicap accessibility, more study tables, more computer workstations, and a greater capacity for books and materials will draw many new library users.

While 15,000 square feet will initially be used in the building for public space, the Library plans to expand operations into the bottom floor in the next several years as use and demand increase. The bottom floor will house the Library's technical processing and computer departments.

Also on the bottom floor, the Friends of the Library will have a room for holding booksales. The Friends of the Library sell materials that have been withdrawn from the Library's collection and book donations from the public. Proceeds from these sales are used to provide furnishings, programs and services for the Library. Funding from the Friends makes the Library's annual Summer Reading Clubs possible each year.

Services and holdings will also expand in the new facility. A staffed reference desk, a new Kentucky Room, and the capacity for over 80,000 materials will help many people needing information and recreation in the northern part of the county.

The new location should also make library service easier for the citizens of Bellevue, Dayton, and Woodlawn. "We'll be directly across from Newport High School and very close to the Bellevue Plaza. The Library will be a regular stop for many patrons," said JC Morgan, Library Director.

Opening ceremonies are scheduled to take place in May. At that time, the Library will bid a fond farewell to the current location. "The Carnegie building was opened in 1902. Many of our patrons are still impressed by its ornate columns, carved exterior stonework, and marble circulation desk," said Barbara Bonney, Branch Manager.

campbell county property valuation administration



Daniel Braun

Greetings from the Campbell County Property Valuation Administrator. 2003 was a year filled with changes for the PVA office.

Our new website: www.campbellpva.com

First and foremost, a new website was designed and implemented in 2003. The new PVA website includes search capabilities by owner name, address, sale price and sale date. More detailed information is now available, including property photographs. In order to search the web, simply click on "Property Search" on the left hand side of the screen. Enter the information you wish to search on, then click on the Submit Query button. Once the search results list appears, click on the desired property to view the specific data about this property.

I would like to thank all the users who gave feedback about the website. This feedback helps our office to improve the site for the taxpayers. Please visit the site at www.campbellpva.com and let our office know if you have any comments or suggestions on how the website can be further improved.

New Members of our Staff

Last year also saw many new faces begin employment in the office. Billie Hall, Rob Hall, Darcie Jamison, and Brandy Jones all joined our staff. Ben Campbell has also joined the staff as the new chief deputy of the PVA office. Each of these workers has added to the knowledge and dedication of the current staff to better serve the public.

Bellevue, Dayton, and Newport Reassessed for 2004

The state of Kentucky requires the PVA office to physically review all property in the county at least once every four years. In keeping with the state requirements, the PVA office has reviewed and reassessed the property in the cities of Bellevue, Dayton, and Newport for the 2004 tax year.

If there is a change in a property's assessment, the property owner will receive a notice of assessment increase towards the middle of April. This notice, along with an advertisement in the local papers, will notify each property owner of the new property assessment, as well as the time period in which to request a conference to appeal the assessment. If you do not receive an assessment notice, you may call the office to check your current assessment at any time. Even if your property is not reassessed this year and you do not receive a notice, you may still request a conference to appeal your current assessment.

The Property Valuation Administrator's Office is here to serve the taxpayers and citizens of Campbell County. My staff and I strive to provide the best customer service possible to the taxpayers. Please call, write, or email any suggestions or comments about our office.



Homestead/Disability Exemptions

PROPERTY OWNERS 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, WHO OWN, MAINTAIN AND RESIDE AT THE PROPERTY QUALIFY FOR THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION. IF YOU MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE TO APPLY. IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY RECEIVING THIS EXEMPTION, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO REAPPLY ANNUALLY. TO RECEIVE THE DISABILITY EXEMPTION, YOU MUST OWN AND OCCUPY YOUR HOME, BE TOTALLY DISABLED, AND APPLY ANNUALLY. IF YOU QUALIFY, PLEASE STOP BY THE PVA OFFICE AND COMPLETE THE NECESSARY EXEMPTION FORM.

CAMPBELL COUNTY PVA

Daniel Braun, Administrator

Campbell County Courthouse

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(*additional hours for motor vehicle questions:

first & last Monday of each month, 4-6pm

first & last Saturday of each month 9am-noon)

Mailing Address The PVA office maintains the current owner's name and mailing address for all property. If you have any changes in your mailing address, please call **(859) 292-3871**, email **dbraun@campbellcountky.org**, or fax **(859) 292-0353**.

Property Valuation Administration impacts every property owner in the county. This newsletter provides information about the functions of the office and its impact on property owners. Please contact us with any questions or suggestions for topics that you would like to read more about.

www.campbellpva.com

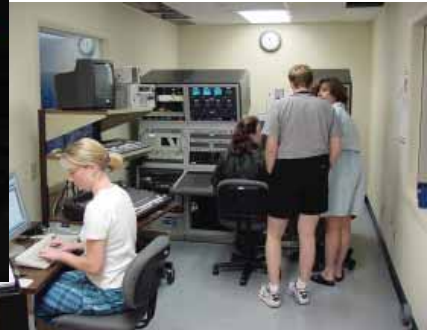
campbell county community media

You still have not made that call to benefit from the opportunities at Campbell County Community Media? Make the call. Do not miss out on the potential for unique experiences!

What are we about? We are about giving you a voice in the community, an outlet to have your message heard by others, opportunities for great entertainment, and a chance to express your creativity. Campbell County Community Media provides the chance for its community members to be television producers, entertainers, and educators. We provide the tools and training for community members and not-for-profit organizations to learn and experience real television production.

Click on www.campbellmedia.org or call 781-3495 ext. 12.

LOOK AT WHAT SOME OF YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE DOING!



Top Left: Sample Photo for New Interchangeable Set Pieces

Top Right: "Feeling Better" produced by Mental Health Association of Northern Kentucky

Bottom Left: "Magicians In the Tri-State" produced by Paul Ketterer

Bottom Right: "Fishing on the Fly" - Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers

northern kentucky area planning commission

Conservation Easements Can Protect Land, Lower Taxes

Interested in protecting the rural or natural character of land you own? A conservation easement might be the answer. A conservation easement allows a landowner to restrict the future use of his or her land. It is usually used to protect forests, farmland, wetlands, scenic areas and wildlife habitat from development.

Conservation easements are created by a written agreement between the landowner and a nonprofit conservation group, like the Campbell Conservancy. The agreement describes the restrictions on the land and gives the conservation group the right to enforce them. For example, an easement to protect land from being subdivided might prohibit more than one residence per 25 acres of land and grant the Conservancy the right to monitor and enforce this restriction.

A landowner who grants a conservation easement still owns the property. He or she can continue using the land, pass it on to heirs, or sell the land. However, any use or sale of the land must be consistent with the terms of the easement.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY AREA PLANNING COMMISSION



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www.nkapc.cog.ky.us

Depending on a landowner's individual circumstances, a qualifying conservation easement constitutes a tax deductible, charitable contribution. For example, if a tract of land is appraised at \$250,000 before an easement is granted and \$200,000 after the easement is created, the value of the donation is \$50,000. An easement may also reduce property and estate taxes.

For more information about conservation easements, contact the Campbell Conservancy by calling 448-9811 or writing to P.O. Box 75144, Fort Thomas, Kentucky 41075.

northern kentucky independent district health department

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO REDUCE YOUTH SMOKING RATES

The single most effective thing we can do to protect our children from smoking is to increase the price of cigarettes. This approach has been used successfully elsewhere and has been endorsed by the Northern Kentucky District Board of Health.

The current excise tax on cigarettes in Kentucky is \$.03 per pack, the rate since 1970. It is the second lowest cigarette excise tax in the nation, well below the national average of \$.729 per pack. Increasing the price of cigarettes by just 75 cents would result in a nearly 15% lower youth smoking rate and a 5% lower adult smoking rate in Kentucky. This will prevent more than 60,000 Kentucky kids from ever becoming addicted to tobacco and nicotine and would save the lives of nearly 30,000 Kentuckians from an early death due to tobacco use. Conservative estimates also indicate that a \$.75 per pack cigarette excise tax increase would generate \$300 million annually for the state of Kentucky and would eventually result in healthcare savings of \$974 million.



In September, Northern Kentucky's State Representative Jon Draud pre-filed Bill Request 88, now HB 107, calling for a \$.75 increase. Funds gained from the increase are specified for Medicaid, education, and public health programs like tobacco and substance abuse research, prevention, and treatment. HB 107 also proposes a 32% tax on Kentucky's currently untaxed smokeless tobacco, cigars, loose tobacco, and pipe tobacco.

Please take a few minutes to contact your State Representative, Senator, and Governor Fletcher about the benefits of increasing the price of cigarettes. To find your legislators visit <http://www.vote-smart.org> or to send a letter to your legislators visit <http://www.khik.org>.

If you are not in favor of increasing the total taxes in the state, you might want to mention the option that the tobacco tax increase be balanced (i.e., made 'revenue neutral') by state tax cuts elsewhere.

The Health Department provides numerous tobacco awareness, education and control services for all. Here are just a few. Any questions? Call 578-7660 about any of these programs or visit www.nkyhealth.org to find out more.

Cooper Clayton Smoking Cessation Program

A comprehensive 12-week program to help you stop smoking with peer support, educational guidance and, if desired, the nicotine gum or patch. Classes meet one time a week from 6:30 to 7:30pm at four locations: St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Edgewood and in Williamstown and the St. Luke Hospital in Florence and in Ft. Thomas. Program begins in January, April and September of each year. Register at 442-3525.



Annual Smoke-Free Day of Dining

Event happens in November on the "Great American Smokeout" Day. Area restaurants that are not normally smoke-free, go smoke-free for the day to experience the benefits of a smoke-free environment and to support those who are trying to quit. Great prizes and information are available.

Health Department web site www.nkyhealth.org publicizes over 100 area restaurants that are smoke-free 365 days of the year.

Secondhand smoke media campaigns and educational outreach

Secondhand smoke causes 62,000 deaths annually in the United States among adult non-smokers and is the cause of serious respiratory ailments in children. The Health Department is sponsoring a secondhand smoke awareness poster contest for middle schools that have tobacco research-based education programs as part of their school's curriculum. Prizes will be awarded in February. The first place winner will have their artwork displayed on area billboards.

Coalition of Minors Battling Against Tobacco (COMBAT)

A youth tobacco prevention coalition formed in April 2001 and sponsored by the Health Department. Teen members plan and implement activities and events to prevent young kids from starting to smoke, increase community awareness of the tobacco industry's influence on youth, and serve as health advocates and educators with other tobacco prevention and control issues. COMBAT membership is open to high school youth in Boone, Kenton, Campbell and Grant counties who are interested in tobacco use prevention.

2004 Annual REACH for Excellence in School Health Conference

February 26, 1 to 4pm, Lakeside Christian Church, Ft. Mitchell for school administrators and teachers. Opportunity to apply for up to \$1,000 in incentive funds to initiate or expand coordinated school health programs in the areas of tobacco use reduction, cardiovascular health education for students and/or staff, and violence prevention education.

Smoke-Free Sports

A youth oriented tobacco-free initiative to change the social norms about tobacco use. This spring the Northern Kentucky Youth Association will again be sponsored by the Health Department and will incorporate tobacco prevention education into their sports program for middle school students. Last spring there were 25 youth baseball and softball teams (nearly 400 youth ages 10-12) who participated.

NKIDHD

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12 East 5th Street, Newport, KY 41071
phone 431-1704 | fax 655-6386

District Administrative Office
610 Medical Village Dr., Edgewood, KY 41017
phone 341-4264 | fax 578-3689

www.nkyhealth.org



CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TREATMENT PLANT DELAYED

Sanitation District No. 1's planning for the construction phase of the Eastern Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (ERWWTP) is currently on hold. The plant was originally scheduled to go online at the end of 2004 but, due to delays, the plant may not be online until 2006. The most recent delay has been caused by the Greater Cincinnati Water Works' (GCWW) opposition to the location along the Ohio River where this plant is designed to discharge the



The new Eastern Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant will replace the existing Alexandria Wastewater Treatment Plant.

treated water. In Kentucky, state regulations require wastewater discharges to be a minimum of five miles above the nearest drinking water intake. The ERWWTP in Southern Campbell County will be over **twice** that distance at 11.2 miles above GCWW's water intakes. In Ohio, regulations only require special consideration if the discharge of wastewater is within 500 yards of a drinking water intake.

The ERWWTP will be a secondary treatment facility with a state-of-the-art disinfection system that utilizes ultraviolet

light. Through the design of this facility, SD1 is exceeding Kentucky Division of Water (KDOW) requirements. Secondary power will be provided for all treatment processes, an additional ultraviolet disinfection system will be installed and an additional set of electric controls will be utilized to ensure efficient disinfection of the wastewater.

SD1 will be spending \$75 million on upgrades needed throughout the deteriorated sewer system in Southern Campbell County and the construction of the treatment plant. This investment promises a cleaner environment for Northern Kentucky and downstream communities. Across the three counties in Northern Kentucky, an investment of over \$350 million will be made to protect public health and the environment by improving the wastewater systems. Wastewater and water utilities have used the Ohio River as a shared resource for decades and will for years to come. The new ERWWTP will protect our citizens' health and our shared environment.

NEW APPROACH TO STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BEGINS

On August 1, SD1 officially assumed the role of Regional Storm Water Management. The goal of this new program is to meet federal regulations that focus on improving water resources by protecting them from polluted storm water runoff.

Over the next three to five years, SD1 will be preparing for the transfer of the public storm water systems, including ownership and operation and maintenance responsibilities, from the cities and counties. Until these transfers occur, cities and counties will remain responsible for the operation and maintenance of their systems. Federal funding has not been provided to help our communities meet the new federal regulations, therefore, a funding mechanism has been developed to support the services that will be provided under the plan.

All residential and non-residential properties within the defined service area are now receiving storm water bills to help pay for the services being provided by SD1. Residential properties, defined as detached, single-family homes and duplexes on a single parcel pay a flat monthly fee of \$3.75, which appears on the quarterly bill as \$11.25. Non-residential properties pay a fee based on the actual amount of impervious surfaces on the property including rooftops, driveways, parking lots, sidewalks and other hard surfaces that prevent rain from soaking into the soil.

Together, we can help prevent water pollution, protect the environment, and maintain the quality of life we enjoy in Northern Kentucky. For information on how homeowners and businesses can help, please visit www.sd1.org.

CAMPBELL COUNTY PROJECTS

Sanitation District No. 1 has budgeted over \$40 million in capital improvement projects for the tri-county area this year. Many of these projects are underway in Campbell County including the following:

PROJECTS IN THE DESIGN PHASE

Highland Heights Pump Station Upgrades
Viewpoint Drive Assessment Project
Pond Creek Force Main/Gravity Sewer Line to ERWWTP
Kahn's Gravity Sewer Line to Pond Creek Pump Station
US 27 at Summit Lane Assessment Project
Riley Force Main/Gravity Sewer Line to ERWWTP
Alex-Licking Gravity Sewer Line
Sunset Force Main/Gravity Sewer Line
Alex-Licking Force Main
Pond Creek Pump Station
Riley Road #2 Pump Station
Alex-Licking and Sunset Pump Station
Parkside Pump Station Relocation
Meyer Road Pump Station Rehabilitation
Tower Hill Aerial Replacement
Eastern Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant
Eastern Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall
US 27 Sewer Relocation 915 to Parkside Pump Station
Pinehill/Skyview Terrace Sewer Replacement
Evergreen/Alexandria Pike Relief Sewer
Wilson/Waterworks Road Sewer Replacement
Monmouth Storm Sewer Replacement

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Johns Hill Assessment Project
Macke Pump Station Rehabilitation
Alexandria Plant and Collection System Upgrade

RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS

Ohio River Collector Route 8-Dayton
Wilder Outfall Replacement Project
Scattered Sites Eustace & Crowell
Fairfield Place Sewer Relocation
Wolpert Pump Station Upgrade

For more detailed information, projects, visit SD1's website at www.sd1.org or call 859-578-7460.

SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 1

1045 Eaton Drive
Fort Wright, KY 41017
phone (859) 578-7450
fax (859) 331-2436
M-F: 8am-4:30pm

www.sd1.org



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Pictured is the new soccer field being built A. J. Jolly Park. The Soccer Field is a partnership venture with Campbell County Soccer South Organization and the Campbell County Recreation Department. We are hopeful that it will be ready for play in Fall 2004.

Congressional Earmark

One of the biggest aspects of drug prevention is getting parents involved. The Campbell County Fiscal Court was recently the recipient of a congressional earmark from U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell that will allow us to partner with various groups to make education programs available to parents in improving and maintaining positive communication with their children and identifying the risks that their children are exposed to. Keep an eye out for the Campbell County Community Education Program that will be published in the spring. There will be two evening courses offered for parents who are interested at no charge. For additional information, please contact Tony Bacigalupo at tbacigalupo@campbellcountyky.org or call the Campbell County Fiscal Court, 292-3838.

TREE & BENCH MEMORIALS

Would you like to honor someone special but don't know how? The Campbell County Fiscal Court is now offering Bench and Tree Memorials to be placed at either Pendery Park or A. J. Jolly Park. The tree memorials cost \$300 plus \$75 for a plaque. The tree will be either Pin Oak, Maple, or Ash and about 10' tall; the plaque will be installed at its base. An 8 ft. Thermoplastic brown bench memorial costs \$400 plus \$75 for a plaque and installation.

For more information you may contact Dennis Reller, Recreation Manager Campbell County Fiscal Court, dreller@campbellcountyky.org or 635-1104.

You can visit www.campbellcountyky.org to download a brochure and order form.

Free Spay or Neuter: Tuesday, February 24

We will be having Spay Day on Tuesday, February 24 and all animals adopted will receive a free spay or neuter. All Campbell County Vets will be participating in this program.

- All adoptions include free check-up, 1st set of shots, worming and a rabies voucher. Micro chipping and heartworm testing for dogs and feline leukemia testing for cats
- Animals adopted from the shelter must be spayed or neutered.
- All adopted dogs must have a state tag for \$5
- Join us on Channel 5 every Friday for the Friday Furry Friends Segment at 12 with a tip and pet of the week.
- Make sure your pet wears ID at all times, such as state tag, rabies tag and a simple ID tag.
- Dogs are not allowed to run at large anywhere in Campbell County.
- We are currently accepting donations of food, treats, toys, paper towels, etc. Please call 635-2819 or e-mail lbowman@campbellcountyky.org
- Visit www.campbellcountyky.org for "Winter Tips for your Pets."

1989 Poplar Ridge Road

Camp Springs, KY 41059

635-2819

635-3594 (fax)

Mon-Fri, 10am-4:30pm;

Saturday, 9am-1pm

* Dog Adoptions - \$70.00

* Cat Adoptions \$45.00

www.campbellcountyky.org/

animal shelter

PLEASE REPORT ANY ANIMAL ABUSE THAT YOU SEE.

Campbell County Police Dept. News

Campbell County Police Lieutenant David Fickenscher graduated in December from the 215th Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Lieutenant Fickenscher is a sixteen-year veteran of the department presently assigned as the Commander of Investigations. The National Academy course is an eleven-week session of intense training in various law enforcement fields of study intended to prepare officers for command and executive assignments. The course also includes a rigorous and demanding physical fitness program.



Judge/Executive Pendery congratulates Lt. David Fickenscher.

Campbell County Litter Abatement and Spring Cleanup

The Campbell County Litter Abatement and Spring Cleanup for 2004 will be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, March 26, 27 & 28 between the hours of 8am and 6pm. The locations will again be Pendery Park off Route 8 in Melbourne, the Campbell County Police Station off U.S. 27, and the Campbell County Transportation Center off Racetrack Road. There will be **no liquids** of any kind accepted at these locations. Normal debris and trash that may have accumulated around the garage, the barn, or storage areas may be disposed of at all three locations. At the Road Barn or Transportation Center we will accept all metals, car batteries, propane tanks, appliances (including those that contain Freon), and tires (limited to four tires per vehicle) in addition to the general debris. If it is necessary to drop off appliances prior to the date of the clean up please call the road department at 635-9100 to obtain permission and instructions as to how this might be done. If you have any questions regarding solid waste management or similar concerns you may call 441-5166 or e-mail rdeaton@campbellcountyky.org.

CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT



2004 CAMPBELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Left to right: Commissioner **Ken Rechlin**, Judge/Executive **Steve Pendery**, Commissioner **Dave Otto**, and Commissioner **Bill Verst**.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

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IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY 24

Spay Day at Campbell County Animal Shelter. All animals adopted receive a free spay or neuter.

FEBRUARY 28

11th Annual History Day Program, 9am-1pm, at the University Center at NKU. Speaker is Glenn Storrs, Paleontologist for Cincinnati Natural History Museum. Contact jhboh@juno.com.

MARCH 18

Campbell County Emergency Management Annual Skywarn Training. Presented by the National Weather Service; 7:30pm at the Campbell County Fire Training Center, Highland Heights. More info call John Griswold 635-1111

MARCH 22

Morscher Sports Complex and Pendery Park opens.

MARCH 26, 27 & 28

Litter Abatement and Cleanup for Campbell County.

MARCH 29

A. J. Jolly Park opens.

APRIL 30

Weekend Camping only at A. J. Jolly Park.

MAY 18

Primary Election Day

MAY 28 – SEPTEMBER 6

Camping full-time at A. J. Jolly Park.

JULY 1

Kentucky State Dog Licenses are due and available for purchase at the Fiscal Court or Animal Shelter.

SEPT 7 - 26

Camping weekends only at A.J. Jolly Park

SEPT 15

37th Annual Senior Picnic at Pendery Park

Readdressing Project Complete

The Fiscal Court sincerely thanks residents and businesses for your cooperation and patience with this project. We recognize that you have been inconvenienced by having to make changes to your address. As a result of this project, you can expect prompt and efficient delivery of emergency services, where every second saved can make the difference between life and death.

In 2002, Campbell County Fiscal Court and the Cities of Newport and Ft. Thomas successfully combined three separate Emergency Dispatch Centers into one Consolidated Dispatch Center. This Center is providing prompt and efficient delivery of emergency services in a cost-effective manner.

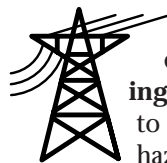
In the course of this undertaking, Fiscal Court identified a serious flaw in the address numbering system used in the unincorporated area of the county. Many properties were addressed by rural route box numbers. There were also many duplicate or confusing road names. This system was outdated and incompatible with modern emergency dispatching procedures. It caused confusion and delays during police, fire, and other emergency responses.

To resolve this serious problem, Fiscal Court established a uniform street addressing system for unincorporated Campbell County. Over the past year, over 6,000 residents have been notified of their new street address. Street numbers have been assigned to correspond to a grid system that helps identify the specific location of every property. Numbers on north-south roads increase toward the south, and numbers on east-west roads increase toward the east. Residents with Post Office Boxes, Rural Route Numbers, as well as those in subdivisions, were all given new addresses. Also, residents of cities that share a common roadway with the unincorporated county (i.e. Alexandria, California, Cold Spring, Mentor and Silver Grove) received new addresses.

This project is now complete. If you live in unincorporated Campbell County and have not received your notice or if you have any questions about your new address, please call the Campbell County Planning Department at 292-3880 or e-mail bgeisler@campbellcountky.org.

When the Alert is Sent

Campbell County has recently placed online a new Outdoor Warning System to cover specific areas throughout the county. The system consists of 19 sirens with varied capabilities. A good understanding of the siren purpose is critical to its success. This system is designed to alert persons *outside* to seek shelter and to tune to local TV or radio broadcasts for further information. This system is not intended to alert persons indoors.



It is recommended that everyone have a NOAA Weather Radio with S.A.M.E technology (**Specific Area Message Encoding**). S.A.M.E. allows the operator to alert a specific county or area to hazards such as tornado, flash flood, and severe storms as well as hazardous spills or other emergencies

We have strategically placed the voice capable sirens in places where outdoor events are held. This allows for localized communications and allows for directions to be broadcast to a target group. For more information on the Outdoor warning system and capabilities or the NOAA Radios feel free to contact the Campbell County Emergency Management office at 635-1111 or e-mail kknipper@campbellcountky.org.

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The Campbell County Senior Center “Wellness and Fitness Center” Addition

Kentucky has awarded a Community Development Block Grant to the City of Highland Heights (in partnership with the Campbell County Fiscal Court) in the amount of \$429,000 to add a Wellness Fitness Center to the present Campbell County Senior Center. It should be completed by November 2004. The addition will provide 2,000 sq. ft. of space. Every senior citizen attending the center will have the opportunity to use the exercise equipment, attend scheduled programs, participate in health and total wellness programs and receive individualized training through a grant/partnership with NKU. The NKU *Energize Your Life* Grant established an intern program for students majoring in the education specialty's courses of study. The students are the trainers for the senior citizens attending the senior center for wellness activities.



There was great collaboration for the grant: The City of Highland Heights was the applicant, the Northern Kentucky Independent Health District granted \$40,000 as match to the program, the Greater Cincinnati Health Foundation awarded \$14,000 for equipment, the Campbell County Fiscal Court has committed to the additional match of \$140,000 and NKU partnered with the *Energize Your Life* intern program. This will be the first Wellness Center attached to a Senior Center in Kentucky. As researchers have found, poor health conditions, in the absence of illness, are reversible with exercise, diet, and various other lifestyle changes.

campbell county clerk



- Tuesday May 18, 2004 will be primary election day for President, U.S. offices, local city, school board and State Representative offices. If you need to vote by “Absentee” ballot contact us at 292-3885 for information concerning the requirements starting April 1st. If you changed your party affiliation after December 31, 2003, you will not be allowed to vote in this year's primary!

- The “Emission” test is still with us and Even Year vehicles need to be tested (e.g. 1998 Chev. Impala).
- By now all vehicles should have the new 2004 plates with the smiley face on it or one of the special plates that Kentucky offers. We will have these plates for five years before a new design is created by the Transportation Department.

The best time to come into the office to renew your vehicle is during the middle two weeks of the month. There a little or no lines and you can be in and out in a short time. A second choice is to renew by mail — no lines, no hassles, no parking problems. A lot of customers seem to wait until the last few days of the month to renew, and this causes long lines and waits. We are also open on

CAMPBELL COUNTY CLERK

Jack Snodgrass, Campbell County Clerk

Newport

340 York Street, Newport, KY 41071
Mon, 8:30am–6pm; Tues–Fri, 8:30am–4pm*
deeds **292–3845** auto **292–3850**
voters **292–3885** fax **292–3887**

Alexandria

19 E. Main, Alexandria, KY 41071
M, T, W, F, 8:30am–4pm; Thurs, 8:30am–6pm*
635–2151

**Both offices are open most Saturdays, 9am–noon.*

Saturdays 9 to noon (unless it is a major holiday weekend). If you have any questions about buying or selling your vehicle, call my office before you act.

- For the people who have had their addresses changed in the southern part of the County, you do not have to change any of your land records filed in my office such as deeds, mortgages etc. You will need to change your vehicle registration address when you renew your vehicle or when you purchase a different vehicle. Although this is not my department, you need to change your driver's license to your new address.
- Tax assessments for 2004 will be coming out soon to those areas that have been reassessed. If you do not agree with this assessment, contact your PVA at 292-3871 to see about an appointment to discuss the amount.

CAMPBELL COUNTY KEY PHONE LIST (859)

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| Emergency | 911 |
| County Judge/Executive | 292–3838 |
| County Commissioners | 292–3838 |
| County Attorney | 491–5843 |
| County Clerk–Alexandria | 635–2151 |
| Newport | 292–3845 |
| Auto Registration | 292–3850 |
| Voter Registration | 292–3885 |
| County Jailer | 431–4611 |
| County Coroner | 441–8800 |
| County Dispatch (non-emergency) | 292–3622 |
| County Sheriff | 292–3833 |
| Circuit Clerk | 292–6314 |
| Driver's License | 292–6311 |
| Property Valuation Administrator | 292–3871 |
| Commonwealth Attorney | 292–6490 |
| County Departments: | |
| Administration | 292–3838 |
| A. J. Jolly Golf Course | 635–2106 |
| Animal Shelter | 635–2819 |
| Finance | 292–3898 |
| Housing | 261–5200 |
| Human Services | 292–3819 |
| Lakeside Terrace Senior Apartments .. | 441–5166 |
| Office of Emergency Management | 635–1111 |
| Payroll/Net Profits Tax | 292–3884 |
| Parks and Recreation | 635–1104 |
| Personnel | 292–3881 |
| Police Department..... | 911 |
| Non-emergency..... | 635–7484 |
| Planning & Zoning | 292–3880 |
| Building Inspections | 292–3880 |
| Road | 635–9100 |
| Senior Center | 572–4300 |
| Solid Waste/Blight..... | 441–5166 |



Employee Spotlight: Chris Bryant

Chris Bryant joined Northern Kentucky Water District (NKWD) in 1999 as a Network Ad-

ministrator. When an Information Systems (IS) Department was formed in 2001, Chris was promoted to IS Supervisor. He was promoted to IS Manager in January 2003. As IS Manager, Chris manages six employees in database management, AutoCAD, GIS, System Support and Scanning.

Chris brings a wealth of Information Technology expertise to NKWD. He has developed a much-needed and reliable IS function and keeps NKWD on the cutting edge of technology. Chris has been instrumental in helping NKWD attain a high level of security by managing the access control systems at each of NKWD's 35 facilities and is currently playing a key role in transitioning NKWD's internal billing software to a new system.

Chris has numerous certifications, an associate's degree in Electronic Engineering Technology, and he recently completed requirements for a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Northwood University.

NKWD To Purchase Taylor Mill Water System

In November 2003 NKWD and the city of Taylor Mill jointly announced plans for NKWD to purchase the Taylor Mill water system. The Public Service Commission (PSC) approved the purchase in December. Approximately 5,400 customers will be affected by the sale. Under the agreement, the city of Taylor Mill will adopt NKWD's lower rate prior to the closing, which should mean lower rates for customers in the Taylor Mill service area.

"This sale benefits everyone involved," said Ron Lovan, NKWD President and CEO, "and NKWD looks forward to welcoming Taylor Mill customers into the District's retail service area."

Both NKWD and Taylor Mill are dedicated to working together to ensure a smooth transition for affected customers. The customer transition is expected to take place in early 2004.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Dayton Water Main Replacement

NKWD is working on the design of a water main replacement project along 4th Street between Clay Street and Clark Street.

Fort Thomas Water Main Replacement/Hydraulic Improvement

NKWD is working on designs for the following water main replacement/hydraulic improvement projects:

1. Clover Ridge Avenue, from North Fort Thomas Avenue to Rossford Avenue; Rossford Avenue, from Clover Ridge Avenue to Rossford Run Drive; Rossford Avenue, from Rossford Run Drive to Covert Run Pike; and Covert Run Pike to Shady Terrace.
2. Highland Avenue, from Convent Drive to Washington Avenue; Washington Avenue, from Highland Avenue to Curtis Avenue; and Curtis Avenue, from Washington Avenue to U.S. 27.

NKWD anticipates placing each of these projects for bid in summer 2004 and beginning construction once needed approvals have been received.



ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORTS COMING SOON

NKWD drinking water meets or exceeds all of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) water quality standards. To ensure customers receive the best quality water, lab analysts gather and monitor water samples from over 180 locations in the distribution system each month. This is far more than federal and state regulations require, but is done to ensure that NKWD has an accurate picture of the water quality. Additionally, NKWD performs extensive chemical and bacteriological monitoring on its raw water sources — the Ohio and Licking rivers.

To keep you better informed of the quality of water provided to you, NKWD prepares an annual water quality report. Customers will begin receiving the report at the end of February or early March. Watch for it in your next quarterly statement! If you don't receive a drinking water quality report or would like additional copies, please contact NKWD at (859) 441-0482.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY WATER DISTRICT

Billing Questions

(859) 578-9898

Public Service Commission Hotline

1-800-772-4636

After Hours/Emergency Shut-off

(513) 244-9016

Speaker and Bottling Requests

(859) 441-0482

U.S. EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline

1-800-426-4791



The Board of Commissioners meetings take place the third Tuesday of every month at **100 Aqua Drive, Cold Spring, KY 41076.**

www.nkywater.org

city of newport: festivals at newport riverfront

Newport Italianfest: June 10-13

Thursday: 6:30pm - 11pm

Friday: 5:30pm - 11pm

Saturday: 11am - 11pm

Sunday: Noon - 9pm



Italianfest, named a Top 20 Event in June by the Southeast Tourism Society, is held along Newport's Riverboat Row between the Taylor-Southgate and L&N Bridges. The festival has authentic Italian food and live Italian music performed by entertainers from around the nation, a Golf Outing, Spaghetti Nob Benefit-NPI RiverWalk, a Family Photo Booth-which showcases the history of Italian families that settled in

Newport generations ago, pizza-eating contest, cooking contest, games, rides, and fireworks. For more information, please call (859) 292-3666.

Irish Heritage Festival: June 25 - 27

Friday: 6pm - 11pm

Saturday: Noon - 11pm

Sunday: Noon - 9pm

A weekend-long celebration of this area's second largest immigrant population that features authentic Irish food, song, dance and literature. For more information, please call (513) 761-9911.

America's Celebration-Newport Motorcycle Rally: July 2-4

Friday: 5pm - 11pm

Saturday: Noon - 11pm

Sunday: Noon - 9pm

This celebration will include fireworks on the riverfront, games, live entertainment, food, contests and prizes! Motorcycle show awards to best looking bikes. For more information call (859) 912-2509 or (859) 912-2510.



Newport Arts And Music Festival: July 24 & 25

Saturday: Noon - 10pm

Sunday: Noon - 7pm

This festival features fine arts and crafts, performing artists and a Gallery Tent featuring the artwork of local school children and the best local music around. For more information, please call (859) 292-3666.

Great Inland Seafood Festival: August 12-15

Thursday: 6pm - 11pm

Friday: 6pm - 11pm

Saturday: Noon - 11pm

Sunday: Noon - 9pm

This annual festival, along the riverbanks of Newport and Cincinnati, features premium seafood dishes from restaurants around the Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati Region and music for all with a continuous riverboat shuttle. For more information, please call (513) 761-9911.



Kentucky State Chili Cook-off & Car Show: August 29

Sunday: 11am - 7pm

The 14th annual Campbell County Boys and Girls Club Chili Cook-Off & Car Show features one of the largest car shows in Kentucky which includes entertainment, food and crafts.

The winner of the best chili contest advances to Reno, Nevada. For more information, please call (859) 292-3666.

Riverfest: September 5

Sunday: Noon - 10pm

Entertainment on Riverboat Row includes food and Rozzi's largest and oldest fireworks display at dark. For more information, please call (859) 912-2509.

Newport Parks and Recreation

Community Education, Feb 23- March 31

Newport Parks and Recreation has a variety of affordable classes for youth and adults. Call the Recreation office, (859) 292-3686, information.

Youth Leagues, Register by March 15

Baseball: CC Knothole, (859) 442-7388

Softball: Newport Recreation, (859) 292-3686

Soccer: CC North Soccer League, (859) 572-2859

Football & Cheerleading: Newport Firefighters
(859) 581-2073

Adult Leagues, Register by March 31

Adult men and coed softball leagues at Ralph Mussman Recreation Complex. Registration Fee: \$225 per team plus umpires' fees. Games will begin the last week in April and run through August, followed by a single elimination tournament. Registration required, (859) 292-3686.

Fleer Major League Baseball Diamond Skills, TBA

Ralph Mussman: Diamond Skills are sponsored by Major League Baseball. Boys and Girls compete in the age brackets to test throwing, fielding and base running. Children 7 - 14. To register call (859) 292-3686.

Veterans Memorial Pool Passes

Passes On Sale, April 19: Pool Opens May 29

Located on Carolyn Drive with Olympic-size pool, diving well, wading baby pool, full concession and shelter. Certified lifeguards are on duty at all times. Season passes may be purchased for families or individuals at the Recreation Office, 10th and Monmouth. For admission prices and season pass information, call (859) 292-3686.

Memorial Day Parade May 31: 9am

The annual Memorial Day Parade starts at the Campbell County Courthouse and travels to Tenth and Monmouth. A ceremony honoring all Veterans will take place in front of the City Building following the parade. Call (859) 292-3686 to participate.

Sundaes in the Parks: July 14

The Recreation Ice Cream Car will stop at all area parks to make free ice cream sundaes for all park visitors. Call (859) 292-3686 for specific times.

Junior Olympics Track, August 8, 4pm

Newport High School. Any city in Campbell County interested in joining in this event, please call Recreation Office at (859) 292-3686. If you are between the ages of 5 and 18 and are interested in participating in this meet, call your local Recreation Department to join a team for a chance to win a medal in one of several track and field events.

newport on the levee happenings



Otters Coming to the Levee

In addition to all the great restaurants and entertainment opportunities already at the Levee, the Levee will welcome new residents this summer.

The Newport Aquarium will open a new permanent exhibit over Memorial Day weekend featuring Asian small-clawed river otters and will increase the current exhibit space by 40%.

Call 1-866-LeveeKY for numbers to all venues at the Levee or check out our web site for all events and special happenings.

www.NewportontheLevee.com

Upcoming Events at the Levee

FEBRUARY

- 14 Children's Theatre Performance, 2 and 2:45pm

MARCH

- 13 Epilepsy Foundation's Emerald Mile 5K Run/Walk Saturday, 9am – noon
- 13 & 14 UC's CCM LINKS Program - Used Instruments for Needy Kids, Saturday, 10am – 7pm and Sunday, noon – 5pm
- 17 St. Patrick's Day - events at the Levee and at individual venues
- 27 Bunny arrives, Saturday, March 27, through April 10

APRIL

- 2 Live Music at the Levee starts, Friday and Saturday nights, 6 -10p.m., through October 29
- 5 Reds Opening Day, park at the Levee and then eat and play before or after the Reds Games
- 10 Cincinnati Flower Show tie-in event, 1-5pm; family window-box planting
- 24 Astronomy Day

MAY

- Memorial Day Weekend: New otter exhibit at the Aquarium scheduled to open

JUNE

- 4 Hoxworth Blood Drive
- 11 Senior Day Out
- 12 Spaghetti Nob 3K Walk
- 25 Safety Fair

JULY

- 2-4 Motorcycle Rally



NEWPORT
ON THE LEVEE

A World Away From The Everyday

campbell county detention center

(The second in a series explaining the operations of a county detention facility.)

Where a county provides for a full service detention facility, the fiscal court and the jailer's responsibility is both economically and administratively demanding. The fiscal court is required to provide and to maintain the "jail" building. In Campbell County the current structure at 601 Central Avenue, Newport was built in 1990 at a cost of approximately \$3,000,000 and was designed with a capacity of 135 inmates. In recent years, however, the Jailer, the Fiscal Court, and Kentucky Department of Corrections have worked together to temporarily increase the suggested capacity. The location is in close proximity to the Juvenile Detention Facility and connected to the District Court building. It is also a convenient location for police officers throughout the County and Sheriff's Department that use the facility on a daily basis.

The number of inmates that our facility, and other facilities, are required to house is an issue beyond the control of the Fiscal Court and the Jailer and is directly related to other factors: the number of police officers, the arrests they make, the sentencing (time in jail) handed down by the Courts, the schedules of the Courts and their ability to hold trials and take pleas, the prosecutor's schedules and ability to get matters to trial or take pleas. In Campbell County we are very fortunate in that the courts, prosecutors and police are aware of the limited space and they make concerted efforts to work with the Fiscal Court and the Jailer to control the number of inmates.

The numbers of inmates is also directly related to weather, special events and other factors that affect human behavior. Some examples include activities that occur in Cincinnati or in the entertainment areas of Campbell County. The Northern Kentucky Region works as a community so people move freely from one county to another. Unfortunately, some of these people misbehave and require space in our facility. Detention facilities are a necessary part of our community and an expensive enterprise for the Fiscal Court.

In the next article we will talk about the expenses related to our facility, funding and how the Jailer and Fiscal Court are working together to alleviate a portion of the cost for our taxpayers.



Greg Buckler,
Campbell County Jailer

campbell county cooperative extension service

THIS IS A PARTIAL LIST OF UPCOMING PROGRAMS OF THE CAMPBELL COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE. UNLESS INDICATED ALL PROGRAMS WILL BE HELD AT THE CAMPBELL COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AT 3500 ALEXANDRIA PIKE, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS. THE CAMPBELL COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER (EEC) IS LOCATED 1 MILE EAST OF US 27 ON ROUTE 824 OR RACE TRACK ROAD.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS BY CALLING 572-2600.

ONGOING MONTHLY MEETINGS

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| 1st Thursdays | Saddle Up 4-H Horse Club, 7:30pm |
| 2nd Tuesdays | Campbell County 4-H Council, 7pm |
| 2nd Thursdays | SBOA (Small Business Owners Association) of Northern Kentucky, 8:30am, Boone Co. Extension Office |
| 2nd Thursdays | Diabetes Support Group, 10am |
| 4th Mondays | 4-H Livestock Club, 7pm |
| 4th Mondays (most) | Lucky Charmers 4-H Club, 7pm (open to all youth ages 9 - 19, (call for more information) |
| 4th Wednesdays | Single Parent Support Group, 7pm |

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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| Mar. 2 | 4-H Club/Mailbox Member Talk Meet and Demonstrations, 7pm |
| Mar. 5-7 | Kentucky Beef Expo, Louisville |
| Mar. 9 | 4-H Talk Meet Finals, 7pm |
| Mar. 20 | 4-H Area Communications Day, Kenton Co. Extension Office |
| Apr. 23 | 4-H Fashion Show, 7pm |
| May 15 | 4-H/Red Cross Babysitting Clinic, 9am-5pm |
| May 22 | Multi-County 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, Kenton Fairgrounds |
| • June 6-11 | 4-H Horse Camp, Alexandria Fairgrounds |
| June 14-18 | 4-H Teen Conference, Lexington |
| June 15-16 | State 4-H Horse Contests, Lexington |
| June 22 | State 4-H Livestock Judging, Lexington |
| July 3-10 | State 4-H Horse Show, Louisville |
| July 12-16 | 4-H Resident Camp, Carlisle, KY |
| July 19-23 | F.I.T. Futures (Fitness Involving Technology) |

AGRICULTURE

SERIES PROGRAMS (DIFFERENT TOPICS ADDRESSED DURING EACH SESSION)

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| Mar. 2 & 18, Apr. 29: | Pasture Management Series, 6-9pm, EEC |
| Mar. 23 (Part 1) | Managing the Beef Cow Before and During the Calving Season, 7pm, Pendleton Co. Extension Office |
| Apr. 15 (Part 2) | Managing the Beef Cow Before and During the Calving Season, 7pm, EEC |
| Mar. 16 | Master Cattleman's Program-Management First, 5-9pm, Boone Co. Extension Office |
| Mar. 25 | Master Cattleman's Program-Forages, 5-9pm, Boone Co. Extension Office |
| Apr. 8 | Master Cattleman's Program-Reproduction, 5-9pm, Boone County Extension Office |

ONE-EVENT PROGRAMS

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| Feb. 19 | Phase I Board Meeting, 7pm, EEC |
| Feb. 24 | Tobacco Production Update, 7pm, Pendleton Extension Office |
| Mar. 9 | Bull Selection, 6:30pm, EEC |
| Mar. 9 | Beef Quality Assurance, 8pm, EEC |
| June 21 | Pesticide Container Recycling, 1-2pm, Southern States |
| July 30 | Farm Chemical Pickup (call for details) |



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<http://ces.uky.edu/campbell>

What is the Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service?

The Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service is a joint educational effort of the federal, state and county governments and is administered through the University of Kentucky and Kentucky State University.

County Extension Agents provide a variety of free services to the citizens of Campbell County. We are on call to answer questions in the areas of Family and Consumer Sciences, 4-H Youth Development, Horticulture, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Management. Extension Agents are available as program speakers, and also provide ongoing educational programs throughout the county.

Educational opportunities are delivered to the residents of Campbell County in a variety of ways including: community education programs, Homemakers clubs, 4-H clubs, projects and camps, workshops, newsletters, newspaper articles, publications, field days, demonstrations, research trials, and visits.

Feel free to contact our office for more details about our individual program efforts.

Educational programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

NATURAL RESOURCES and ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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| Feb. 24 | Shiitake Mushroom Production Workshop, 6-9pm, EEC |
| Feb. 28 | Bluebird House Workshop, 10am, EEC |
| Mar. 3 | Environmental Education Alliance Resource Fair for Teachers, 4:30-7pm, Boone Co. Extension Office |
| Mar. 18 | Tree Seminar for NKY Public Workers, 7:30am-3:30pm, Florence Government Center |
| Mar. 27 | Star Gaze, 7pm EEC |
| May 8 | Star Gaze, 8pm EEC |
| June 5 | Plants to Attract Song Birds, 10am, EEC |
| June 22 | Senior Volunteer Fair, lunch |
| July 17 | Tree Walk, 10am-2pm, EEC |
| Aug. 21 | Star Gaze, 8pm EEC |



Environmental Education Center (EEC), located 1 mile east of US 27 on Route 824 or Race Track Road.

FAMILY and CONSUMER SCIENCES

SERIES PROGRAMS

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| Feb. 13, Feb. 20, Feb. 27, Mar. 5, Mar. 12, Mar. 19, Mar. 26: | Master Foods Program, Kenton Co. Extension Office (Taylor Mill) |
| Feb. 25, Mar. 24, Apr. 28: | "Stash More Cash" for Single Parents, 7pm |
| Mar. 2, Mar. 9, Mar. 16: | Small Business Marketing Mastery (for small business owners only), 6:30pm, Boone Co. Ext. Office |
| Apr. 6, Apr. 13, Apr. 20, Apr. 27 | Estate Planning Series/Workshops, 7pm |

ONE-EVENT PROGRAMS

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| Mar. 4 | "True Colors" for Small Business Owners, 6:30pm |
| Mar. 7 | Fashion Show and International Program, 2-4pm |
| Mar. 11 | Thinking Green, Building Technology System & Green Design, 9:30am & 7pm |
| Mar. 23 | Smart Living for Home & Health, 12-4:30pm, Boone Co. Extension Office |

HORTICULTURE

SERIES PROGRAMS

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| Apr. 14 - Sept. 1: | Weekly, Junior Master Gardeners ages 8-12, 4-6pm (limited space available) |
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ONE-EVENT PROGRAMS

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| Feb. 17 | Growing Small Fruits in the Home Garden, 6:30pm |
| Feb. 24 | Growing Tree Fruits in the Home Garden, 6:30pm |
| Feb. 28 | Fruit Tree Pruning Demonstration, 9am (Dress for outdoors.) |
| Mar. 4 | Trees for Northern Kentucky, 9am |
| Mar. 13 | Lawn Care for the Homeowner, 10am |
| Mar. 20 | Tree and Shrub Pruning Demonstration, 9am (outdoors) |
| Mar. 25 | Garden Volunteer Training, 12-1:30pm |
| Apr. 1 | Shrubs for Spring Color, 9am |
| Apr. 20 | Slope Management, 9am |
| Apr. 27 | Growing Roses, 6:30pm |
| Apr. 28 | Container Gardening, 9am |
| Apr. 29 | Container Gardening, 6:30pm |
| May 5 | Brown Bag Lunch: Fruit in the Home Garden, 12:15-12:45pm |
| May 10 | 25 Best Annuals for Northern KY, 6:30pm |
| May 12 | Brown Bag Lunch: 10 New Annuals For NKy, 12:15-12:45pm |
| May 19 | Brown Bag Lunch: Vegetable Garden in Small Spaces, 12:15-12:45pm |

CAMPBELL COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

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Exciting events have characterized the beginning of the 2003-04 school year in the Campbell County School District. We have just completed the first nine weeks of our Alternative calendar. With the Alternative calendar we were able to offer an extended learning opportunity during our intersession week. This intersession afforded many students the opportunity to experience academic success through the extended learning opportunity.

This notion of extended learning time ties strongly with our "Building Better Brains" initiative. Campbell County Schools have embarked on a journey to question and challenge our teaching and learning strategies to continually improve the education provided to all our students. Research and study about how and when the brain learns best are improving our educational process with an increased focus on thinking skills, elementary foreign language study, fine arts education, and community involvement to name a few.

This school year saw Campbell County High School institute Block Scheduling, which will broaden and deepen the course offerings for our students. As a result of decisions made last spring by our Board, we are planning to build a new elementary school that will open in the fall of 2005. As many know, last year we had to limit the use of the bleachers in the gym of Campbell County Middle School. The gym at Campbell County Middle School now has a completely new look, from new bleachers to new paint and sound system.

The initiatives and projects undertaken by the district are extensive. Decisions made by the Board and SBDM School Councils are

focused on one objective: improvement of teaching and learning for all our students. This task requires a tremendous amount of energy and effort, as well as a great deal of cooperation and help from our community. As we continue this journey we are asking for your input, help and support.

At the direction of the Board of Education, the district is looking closely at the starting time of the school day. Our Brain research has provided the information to support a change in the time school begins, for example it is proven that the brains of teenagers are not as ready to learn at 7:30am as they might be a little later in the morning. If you are interested in studying this concept, please contact Donna Owen, Director of Instructional Programs at 635-2173 or dowen@campbell.k12.ky.us.

As we continue through the remainder of this school year, remember that our door is always open and we want your help and assistance as we continually work toward improving the education of all students in the Campbell County Schools.

If you would like to know more about what is going on or are interested in getting involved with us, please contact Melissa Pryor, School and Community Relations Director at (859) 635-2173 or mpryor@campbell.k12.ky.us.

Motivating children to read is an important factor in student achievement and creating life-long successful readers.



Research has shown that children who are motivated and spend more time reading do better in school. This project, done in conjunction

with the NEA's Read Across America and Community Component Committee, will help to promote both excitement and interest in reading among student, teachers, parents and community members as we celebrate the 100th birthday of Dr. Seuss.

For more information or to sign up to read in our schools on March 2, please contact Linda Alford or Connie Pohlgeers at 635-2173.



Students in Cline Elementary Strings Program practice for their holiday event in December.



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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2004 CALENDAR

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| Feb. 16 | Professional Development, no school |
| Feb. 18 | 3-hour Early Release day |
| March 5 | 3rd 9 Week Ends — 43 days |
| March 8-12 | Make-up Week— As Needed |
| March 15-19 | Spring Break — No School |
| March 22-26 | Spring Intersession Week |
| March 29 | 4th Nine Weeks Begins |
| April 21 | 3-hour Early Release day |
| May 19 | 3-hour Early Release day |
| May 27 | 4th Nine Weeks End — 45 days/Semester ends 88 days, Last Day for Students** |
| May 29 | Graduation |
| June 1 | Professional Day |
| June 2 | Closing Day |

**The final day for students may be adjusted according to the number of days missed due to inclement weather.

www.campbell.k12.ky.us

Six Campbell County Teachers Achieve National Board Certification, Profession's Top Honor

Campbell County School teachers Christi Cox, Stacie Currie, Julie Hubbard, Linda Mauser, Patty Nyari, and Patty Smith now help make up the 8,195 elementary and secondary school teachers nationwide who achieved National Board Certification in 2003, according to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). This achievement brings the total number of National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) to 32,130.

"NBPTS celebrates and congratulates all teachers who went through the rigorous National Board Certification process," says NBPTS Board Chair Roy E. Barnes. "This impressive achievement is widely recognized at the national, state and local levels as a benchmark for teacher quality. This is also an indication that policymakers, educators, business and community leaders, and parents recognize that when it comes to a quality education, quality teaching matters."

Sara Lee Brings Science To Life in the Classroom

Sara Lee Foods kicked off a new program designed to improve science education in two area Campbell County schools during a short presentation on February 5 at Campbell County High School.

The Science Screen Report video series is designed to provide answers to questions frequently asked by students. The video-tape programs can be used in their entirety or in individual segments, according to each school's curriculum. The videos cover every discipline of basic science, including biology, chemistry, ecology, energy, engineering, medicine, oceanography, physics, and space science.

All eight videos are accompanied by a teacher's guide, which offers teaching strategies, sample discussion questions, bibliographies, and more. The program is endorsed by the National Science Teachers Association. Sara Lee will provide a set of videos to Campbell County High School and Campbell County Middle School.



Students at Campbell County High School work on a project during science class.

"I am excited that this year, we are able to contribute to our community by enhancing education with the donation of the eight science tapes and the offering of scholarships," General Manager of Sara Lee, Tom Metz said. "We recognize that education is paramount to our future."

**Visit Camel athletics on the web
www.camelathletics.org**

What is the New Economy?

Kentucky's New Economy efforts were launched during the regular session of the 2000 General Assembly in order to spur the growth of innovative, knowledge-driven, high-tech firms in the state. The terminology New Economy is used to describe the profound transformation that is occurring in the nation's economy that is revolutionizing what individuals learn and how they learn it, where and how work is done, and how wealth is created. We are essentially engaged in the next industrial revolution. The New Economy revolution combines science and business by applying innovative ideas and technologies to services, products, and manufacturing processes.

TECHNOLOGY TRIANGLE UPDATE

After Kentucky General Assembly traveled to Campbell County last June for the unveiling of the Northern Kentucky Technology Commercialization Triangle, officials of the Campbell County Fiscal Court and the Cities of Cold Spring, Highland Heights, and Wilder, in conjunction with Northern Kentucky University, the Tri-County Economic Development Corporation (Tri-ED), and the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, have met to advance Northern Kentucky's New Economy efforts. The thrust of the Technology Triangle is to leverage the assets of Northern Kentucky University to attract successful technology-oriented businesses to the areas around NKU. While other areas of the nation have focused on creating high-tech incubators for start-up companies, the Technology Triangle will focus on already successful technology-oriented and knowledge companies. This concept works because of NKU's successful partnership philosophy, its incredible growth in student population, currently at 14,000, its growing co-op/internship program, and the fact that more than 90% of the university's alumni stay in the region after graduation.



The Technology Triangle in central Campbell County will create the availability of high-paying jobs for the county's citizens. Knowledge companies are, and will be for the foreseeable future, the fastest growing business segment in this country. These companies

provide higher salaries, and most importantly, these types of developments actually complement residential communities. To view a brochure of the Northern Kentucky Technology Commercialization Triangle, please visit www.campbellcountyky.org. For more information, please contact Josh Wice at the Campbell County Fiscal Court at 292-3838 or jwice@campbellcountyky.org.

CAMPBELL COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Campbell County Historical and Genealogical society is a non-profit organization formed in 1990, dedicated to preserve, protect and promote history and genealogy in Campbell County. Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month and include a featured speaker on a topic of local interest. Visitors are always welcome! The Society maintains a research office on the second floor of the historic Alexandria Courthouse. A few of the ongoing projects are: genealogy, cemetery location, collection of veterans information, and writing and reprinting of local history books. All members receive their award winning quarterly newsletter "Campbell County History News" which contains information on local history and genealogy which may not be found anywhere else. Membership is \$10 per calendar year. If you are interested, contact the Campbell County Historical and Genealogical Society at 635-6407, or visit their website www.rootswest.com/~kycchgs for more information.

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